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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Georgetown, SC, April 1, 2020 – The City of Georgetown announced today that it will be checking local business for price gouging practices to comply with Governor Henry McMaster’s Executive Order No. 2020-15.

Price gouging is against the law, if you feel like you are the victim of price gouging there are certain steps that you can take to help the Attorney General’s office investigate. The Attorney General’s office will need information in order to conduct a thorough investigation. Email any examples or documentation to pricegouging@scag.gov or call 803-737-3953 and leave a message if you have witnessed a likely violation. You may also report price gouging to your local law enforcement agency by calling Central Dispatch at 843-527-6763.

Please do the following if you observe or experience price gouging:

- Note the time, place, address, and name of the business.
- Note the price you paid.
- Note any prices nearby and get the same information on those businesses.
- Take pictures that identify the business, along with the price.
- Provide your name and contact information.

The Georgetown Police along with other law enforcement agencies will be checking businesses to ensure the Governor’s order is followed. We are asking for your compliance in this matter to help stem the effects of the COVID-19 virus.

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About the City of Georgetown

The City of Georgetown, South Carolina’s third oldest port city, seeks to promote a positive business environment in order to provide a high quality of life for its residents and visitors. Georgetown’s waterfront location, temperate climate and the recreational amenities it offers were some of the reasons National Geographic Adventure magazine named the City a “*Top Ten Summer Sports Mecca*.” Additionally, USA Today Readers’ Choice Awards recognized the City among the top ten of the *Best Coastal Small Town in America* in 2018! The City of Georgetown’s lifestyle, numerous cultural opportunities, nearby beaches and low cost of living led to the City’s inclusion as one of *The 50 Best Small Southern Towns* in the 2007 book by Gerald W. Sweitzer and Kathy Fields. Qualifications for this designation included readily available cultural and recreational attractions, healthcare options, Internet access, and adult education opportunities.

The City’s main sources of jobs include manufacturing and retail. It also serves as the governmental and industrial center for Georgetown County. Located between Myrtle Beach and Charleston, the City greatly benefits from its proximity to these tourism driven areas. The recent boom in tourism along the Grand Strand along with the economic development in Charleston have increased the number of visitors to the City’s revitalized downtown commercial district. The downtown offers scenic view of the Sampit River via the Harborwalk and its unique shops, restaurants, and historic homes within walking distance.